

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COAL  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1107  
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SURVEY FOR FINDING NEW COAL RESERVES  
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government are conducting surveys on regular basis to find new coal deposits in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of surveys conducted during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the details of coal deposits found in the country during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Union Government propose to conduct survey in various States particularly in Punjab; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of survey conducted during the last three years(1999-2000 to 2001-2002) are as under:-

| State          | Coalfield          | No. of blocks/areas |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| West Bengal    | Raniganj           | 5                   |
|                | Birbhum            | 2                   |
| Jharkhand      | East Bokaro        | 1                   |
|                | S. Karnapura       | 2                   |
|                | N. Karanpura       | 2                   |
|                | Rajmahal           | 4                   |
| Orissa         | Talchar            | 5                   |
|                | IB river           | 4                   |
| Chhatisgarh    | Mand Raigarh       | 5                   |
|                | Korba              | 2                   |
|                | Hasdeo Arand       | 1                   |
|                | Tatapani-Ramkola   | 4                   |
|                | Sonhat             | 3                   |
| Madhya Pradesh | Sohag Pur          | 8                   |
|                | Singrauli          | 6                   |
|                | Pench Valley/Pench | 4                   |
|                | Kanan              |                     |
|                | Tawa Valley        | 2                   |
| Maharashtra    | Kamptee            | 2                   |
|                | Wardha Valley      | 3                   |
|                | Katol Basin        | 2                   |
|                | Bander             | 1                   |
| Andhra Pradesh | Godavari Valley    | 14                  |

(c): About 29.155 billion tonnes of coal reserves have been added into the inventory during the last three years (coal reserves as on 1.1.2000 was 211.59 billion tonnes). Details of addition of coal reserves are as under:

| State           | Coalfields  | Addition of reserve in million tonnes |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|
| West Bengal     | Raniganj    | 783.22                                |
|                 | Birbhum     | 560.21                                |
| Bihar/Jharkhand | East Bokaro | 1062.87                               |
|                 | West Bokaro | 46.40                                 |

|                 |                  |         |
|-----------------|------------------|---------|
| North Karanpura | 166.20           |         |
| South Karanpura | 8.91             |         |
| Rajmahal        | 890.97           |         |
| Madhya Pradesh  | Umaria           | 102.36  |
|                 | Pench Kanhan     | 152.29  |
|                 | Patherkhhera     | 35.78   |
|                 | Sohagpur         | 737.38  |
|                 | Singrauli        | 2921.01 |
| Chhatisgarh     | Sonhat           | 491.35  |
|                 | Bisrampur        | 13.30   |
|                 | Lakhanpur        | 114.38  |
|                 | Hasdeo-Arand     | 102.77  |
|                 | Korba            | 33.29   |
|                 | Mand-Raigarh     | 7957.57 |
|                 | Tatapani-Ramkola | 186.54  |
| Maharashtra     | Wardha Valley    | 92.38   |
|                 | Kamptee          | 824.78  |
|                 | Umrer-           | 101.31  |
|                 | Makardhokra      |         |
|                 | Bander           | 98.12   |
| Orissa          | Ib-River         | 553.09  |
|                 | Talcher          | 8101.15 |
| Andhra Pradesh  | Godavari Valley  | 2997.31 |
| Assam           | Makum            | 20.33   |

(d) & (e): The regional/promotional exploration programme are proposed to be continue in the X plan. However, this does not include exploration in Punjab, where no coal bearing rocks are reported to be occurring. The State-wise exploratorydrilling programme for X plan and number of blocks to be covered by regional/promotional exploration are given as under:-

| Sl.No | State          | No. of block/area/sector |
|-------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1     | West Bengal    | 4                        |
| 2     | Jharkhand      | 11                       |
| 3     | Orissa         | 13                       |
| 4     | Chhatisgarh    | 10                       |
| 5     | Madhya Pradesh | 18                       |
| 6     | Maharashtra    | 8                        |
| 7     | Andhra Pradesh | 6                        |
| 8     | Meghalaya      | 1                        |